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Application No.: 10/507,274 ) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
Filed: September 8, 2004 )  
For: IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE ) Confirmation No.: 4893  
AND METHOD )  
)

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Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached.

Copies of the U.S. patent publications are not enclosed.

A copy of a communication from the European Patent Office dated September 8, 2005, in a corresponding application is also attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

An English abstract of Non-English Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open  
Publication No. 2000-137805 is enclosed.

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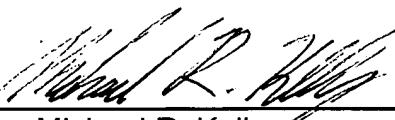
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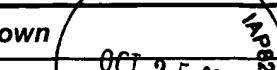
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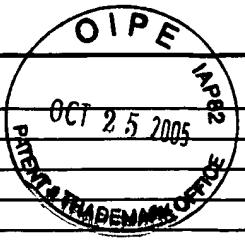
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## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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## **NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

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